

Application No. 10/604,137

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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (original): A basketball training apparatus for use with a basketball rim placed above a playing surface, the basketball training apparatus comprising:

a base on the playing surface beneath the basketball rim;

a plurality of arms extending in radial directions from the base;

a plurality of shooting markers spaced apart along the length of each of the arms;

at least one member attached to the basketball rim, the at least one member comprising vision markers, each vision marker being radially aligned with a corresponding one of the arms;

wherein a user, when standing on one of the shooting markers of one of the arms and facing the basketball rim, is provided with visual shooting assistance as a result of the arm being radially aligned with one of the vision markers located on a region of the basketball rim that is nearest the user.

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Claim 2 (original): The basketball training apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the arms and the vision markers are color-coded, so that each of the vision markers and its corresponding one of the arms comprise indicia of the same color.

Claim 3 (original): The basketball training apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the shooting markers and the vision markers are color-coded, so that each of the vision markers and the shooting markers on its corresponding one of the arms comprise indicia of the same color.

Claim 4 (original): The basketball training apparatus according to claim 1, wherein each of the shooting markers comprises a platform having an upper surface on which foot imprints are defined.

Claim 5 (original): The basketball training apparatus according to claim 4, wherein the foot imprints and the vision markers are color-coded, so that each of the vision markers and the foot imprints of the shooting markers on its corresponding one of the arms are the same color.

Claim 6 (original): The basketball training apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the arms, the shooting markers and the vision markers are color-coded, so that

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each of the vision markers, its corresponding one of the arms, and the shooting markers on the corresponding one of the arms comprise indicia of the same color.

Claim 7 (original): The basketball training apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising arrow markers along the length of each of the arms, the arrow markers pointing toward the base.

Claim 8 (original): The basketball training apparatus according to claim 7, wherein the arrow markers and the vision markers are color-coded, so that each of the vision markers and the arrow markers on its corresponding one of the arms are the same color.

Claim 9 (original): The basketball training apparatus according to claim 7, wherein the arms, the arrow markers and the vision markers are color-coded, so that each of the vision markers, its corresponding one of the arms, and the arrow markers on the corresponding one of the arms comprise indicia of the same color.

Claim 10 (original): The basketball training apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the arms have approximately equal lengths and terminate at radially-outward distal ends.

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Claim 11 (original): The basketball training apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the arms are connected to the base and not to each other.

Claim 12 (original): The basketball training apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the arms comprise a plurality of individual straps that are radially aligned and between which the shooting markers are located.

Claim 13 (original): The basketball training apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the at least one member attached to the basketball rim comprises a tube having a C-shaped cross-section, the member is releasably attached to the basketball rim, and the vision markers are color-coded regions on the tube.

Claim 14 (original): The basketball training apparatus according to claim 1, wherein each of the vision markers comprises a tube having a C-shaped cross-section, and the vision markers are individually releasably attached to the basketball rim.

Claim 15 (original): A basketball training apparatus for use with a basketball rim placed above a playing surface, the basketball training apparatus comprising:
a base on the playing surface beneath the basketball rim;
a plurality of arms extending in different radial directions from the base;

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a plurality of shooting markers spaced apart along the length of each of the arms;

a plurality of vision markers releasably attached to the basketball rim, each of the vision markers having a C-shaped cross-section so as to be releasably attached to the basketball rim, each of the vision markers being radially aligned with a corresponding one of the arms;

wherein each of the vision markers is color-coded with at least one of the arm with which the vision marker is aligned and the shooting markers on the arm with which the vision marker is aligned; and

wherein a user, when standing on one of the shooting markers of one of the arms and facing the basketball rim, is provided with visual shooting assistance as a result of the arm being radially aligned with one of the vision markers located on a region of the basketball rim that is nearest the user and the vision marker is the same color as at least one of the shooting marker on which the user is standing and the arm on which the shooting marker is located.

Claim 16 (original): The basketball training apparatus according to claim 15, wherein the vision markers are color-coded with the arms and the shooting markers, so that each of the vision markers, its corresponding one of the arms, and the shooting markers on the corresponding one of the arms comprise indicia of the same color.

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Claim 17 (original): The basketball training apparatus according to claim 15, wherein each of the shooting markers comprises a platform having an upper surface on which foot imprints are defined, and the foot imprints comprise indicia of the same color as the vision markers with which their corresponding arms are radially aligned.

Claim 18 (original): The basketball training apparatus according to claim 15, further comprising arrow markers placed along the length of each of the arms, the arrow markers pointing toward the base, and the arrow markers being the same color as the vision markers with which their corresponding arms are radially aligned.

Claim 19 (original): The basketball training apparatus according to claim 15, wherein the arms have approximately equal lengths and terminate at radially-outward distal ends.

Claim 20 (original): The basketball training apparatus according to claim 15, wherein the arms comprise a plurality of individual straps that are radially aligned and between which the shooting markers are located.